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1. I APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORIZATION FOR ME TO STIMULATE A FULLER APPRECIATION OF OUR POSITION THROUGH AN INTERVIEW OR PRESS BRIEFING. I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW OFFERS THE BEST FORUM AND WILL, ACCORDINGLY, SEEK AN APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO. UNDER CONSTRAINTS CONTAINED IN TELEGRAM, I DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE TO ASK A REPORTER FROM TOKYO TO COME TO SEOUL.

2. WITH RESPECT TO GUIDANCE CONTAINED REFTTEL ON PING-PONG DIPLOMACY, I FULLY AGREE THAT WE SHOULD NOT BE IN THE POSITION OF APPEARING TO HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO INFORM THE ROK CONCERNING PRIVATE INQUIRIES ON TRAVEL TO NORTH KOREA. HOWEVER, GIVEN THE HISTORY OF PING-PONG IN RECENT US-ASIAN POLICY, I BELIEVE THAT AN INQUIRY FROM THE US TABLE TENNIS ASSOCIATION SHOULD HAVE RAISED A FLAG IN SOMEONE'S MIND AND THAT WE SHOULD HAVE MADE KNOWN TO THE ROKG THE FACT OF THE INVITATION AND THE US TEAM'S INCLINATION TO ACCEPT.
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